

Minutes from Akau Hana Board Meeting, January 10, 2010

I. Call to order and roll call

Present: Tony Francis, Cata Gomes, Ruth Romero, Julie Quale, Gayle Bensusan, Pam Myers, Bob Darling, Kay Miyamoto, Kim Sides, Dave Loustalot (Tracy Cone and Nick C. present for discussion of Keiki program)

II. Secretary's Report: Bob moves to approve minutes, Ruth seconds. Everyone approves.

III. Treasurer's Report: Kim met with Judy to discuss transfer of duties. Currently, Judy, Cata and Cat can sign on account for club, need to have Tony and Kim added. Kim would like to change structure of report for 2010. Currently, club has available \$5,435 (includes \$2000 down payment on new canoe), and deposits for donations and matching funds. Deadline for dues payment for members is 3/1, unless arrangements have been made for payment plan by individuals. Lynn has key to club's P.O. box at Morrissey (she works there). Mention is made that a second key would be a good idea (to have made). Tony suggests he work with Kim to update planning budget. Thanks to Kim.

Pam mentions she is in charge of membership, and they should work to establish lists. Pam shares copy of membership/dues sheet of Keauhou Club, to pass around. Dave brings up the importance of following procedure, with regard to liability. There is discussion of how a master list with more info would be helpful.

Pam moves to approve report, Dave seconds, all approve.

IV Old Business

1. Coaches: Bob states there are no changes, men are set, Keiki are set, Coed will have Toby involved plus another person. Waiting on women's coach still. Assistant women's coaches meeting later this week with regard to this.

There will be a kick-off for men and women's racing teams Jan. 23rd that involves BBQ and paddling. Bob states it is for anyone interested in racing. Bob and Dave L. suggest time of 10-2pm.

Bob proposes club boats (big and small) not be available to general club when there is a published group paddle due to some conflicts experienced this fall. Bob states he will verify this with Judy.

Practice days for Men, Women not finalized 'til coach for women is found.

Tony mentions several boats have run aground at the harbor mouth recently, everyone should be aware and careful.

2. Kudo's Corner: Congratulations to participants in lighted boat parade for 1st place finish inhuman powered craft. Kudo's to Tony, Jeri Ann, Cat, and everyone who contributed to fund for new boat,, which resulted in additional \$2720.30
Thanks to Dave Dyc for bailing canoes. Thanks to Pam for arranging Saturday fitness paddle. Thanks to everyone running Sunday rec paddle.

4. Equipment Plans: Pam says we've sent in our \$2000 deposit for Bradley Lightning. Price of \$10,250 include rails and delivery. We will buy a spray skirt. Color will be white. Weight will be 330 lbs. Canoes are being built lighter and stronger.

Thanks to Pam for working with Ryan Pogue.

Ruth asks if we might purchase new wheels and cradles, there's a problem with one set of wheels we own. Bob states the matching wheels are no good.

Ruth volunteers to take over bailing of canoes with Dave D. absent. Thank you Ruth.

Tony passes out pictures of options for painting Maka Nui. Everyone unanimously prefer the plain 2 color more traditional option.

Cata asks when the sailing canoe will be back. Gayle says March.

5. Fundraising: Amy W. is not here. There's still E waste at Ruth's house, filling her garage. Ruth would like help getting rid of this material.

No one knows how Escip is going.

Tony says we should start our fundraising before the race season gets going. Dave mentions the possibility of having men racers contribute in an ongoing way, at practices.

No one knows if Amy is working on a fundraising plan.

Tony will talk to Toby about a fundraiser.

Dave mentions a film about the voyaging society, which could perhaps be a fundraiser at someplace like the Rio.

Hopefully we will have some concrete proposals to discuss at our next meeting.

6. Business Cards: A couple people bring up a company called Vista Print that prints cards up for free. Kim volunteers to take this on, and send out to the board. Dave suggests hitting up harbor businesses to advertise on business card by contributing \$\$.

7. Insurance : Dave Loustalot informs board our insurance is \$1367 based on value of equipment valued at nearly \$70,000. He Nalu and Akau Hana have policy in place. S. Cal uses someone else. Dave suggests having director's coverage to protect ourselves from suit. Tony says non- profits are given special consideration. Tony suggests we put this under new business for the next meeting.

V. 8. Keiki Program: Nick and Tracy pass out proposal. Nick describes drop off of interest

after sprint season, and suggests starting season in April. Would like to participate in at least two sprints this year.

Nick suggests running a Keiki Summer Camp, after sprints, might keep kids interested and recruit new kids. He and Tracy would run camp with assistance of others, and would like to have camp in August when weather and water are warmer, after which, kids could be integrated into rec paddles. Dave suggests doing paddle camp right after school's out, culminating in sprint race, then integrating into Sunday rec paddle. Tracy says August would be better for Nick and herself. Nick draws attention to printed goals they have supplied. Mention is made of possible participation at the Aloha Festival in August (a Keiki heat) .. Nick and Tracy would like board approval to approach Santa Cruz Park and Rec. with their proposal for summer paddling camp. Kim motions to approve, Kay seconds , all approve.

Nick inquires about insurance liability... Gayle says to check with S.C. Parks and Rec. regarding waiver. Dave says review and verify insurance coverage. Thanks to Tracy and Nick.

9. Club Name Change: So far, Amy C., Cata and Cat on committee. Gayle, Tony and Pam volunteer to join group. Tony suggests setting goals, how often to meet, what process should be used to select, and setting a deadline. The bylaws state the referendum must be an entire club decision. Dave asks if there should be a referendum to the club to bring up whether the name should be changed? Cata says Cat would like the meeting to be after she has returned in Feb. Tony suggests presenting the club with options, rather than referendum. Dave states the need to have a vote to change by-laws, and a vote to change name. Tony suggests committee could choose 3-4 names, then have a preliminary vote , then a final vote. Dave would like to see a plan at the next meeting to prepare proposal.

10. NCOCA Meeting date changed to 1/31... who can attend? Tony can't be there. Ruth and Cata agree to go. Thanks to Ruth and Cata.

11. Next Meeting is scheduled for 2/14... should date be changed? The Board decides that 2/17 Wednesday will work, at 6:30. It will be at Ruth or Tony's house.

VII. 1. Kim suggests tailoring time more specifically for agenda. Tony says let Jeri Ann have feedback when she sets forth preliminary agenda.

Cata would like less discussion of past races during racing season. Dave suggests having a paper report. Cata feels it is a coach issue rather than a board issue. Julie suggests discussion could be at end of meeting so people could leave who are not interested.

Pam says Lynn would like to continue the practice of having new paddlers on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, wishes to make sure that is clear on website.

Kim announces it is 7:18... Kay motions to adjourn, Kim seconds, all agree.